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Former Golf Manor Employee Sentenced on Theft Charges

GOLF MANOR, OH – November 26, 2019 – The Village of Golf Manor today released the following statement regarding former employee Jamie Smith's plea and sentencing on theft in office and tampering with records charges:

"The Village of Golf Manor has worked closely with the Ohio State Auditor's office over the last 2 years to identify losses incurred by a former village clerk/tax commissioner who terminated employment with the Village in March 2017. The Village has cooperated with a thorough and exhaustive analysis of Village finances to uncover losses sustained. We have supported the State Auditor and Prosecutor during criminal proceedings and support the recovery of any lost funds through restitution and/or civil proceedings.

Since transitioning to a new Administration and after the employee departed, we have instituted numerous controls as vulnerabilities in procedures and safeguards were identified by the Auditor and our own team. We are now confident that these controls will prevent any such loss in the future. The Administration has also worked with each Village department to ensure better forecasting, budgeting, and expense control to put the Village on sound financial footing.

There were no other employees of the Village involved in this matter. The elected officials and employees of the Village of Golf Manor continue to be a hard-working, dedicated group serving the residents of the Village, and Village residents continue to benefit from their service."

The Village of Golf Manor, located in central Hamilton County, Ohio is home to 3,611 residents, comprised of 1,614 households, and 897 families according to the 2010 census. More information about the Village may be obtained at www.golfmanoroh.gov.

